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**ABER VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
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**MINUTES OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL HELD AT ABERTRIDWR COMMUNITY CENTRE,**  
**ON THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015**

**PRESENT:**

Chairperson: Councillor M. Stretch

Councillors: D. Berry, L. Binding, G. Bowen, L. Crothers,  
E. P. Prendergast, J. Roberts

Clerk: S. Hughes

**APOLOGIES:**

Apologies: M. Battle, P. Mitchell, B. Morris, J. Taylor

**112/2014 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2015 were approved as a true record.

**113/2014 MATTERS ARISING**

**106/2014 (96/2014)** Councillor J. Roberts and Councillor L. Binding attended a Nant-y-Parc Primary School Assembly to thank pupils and present certificates for their 'The Little Voices Shouting Out Project' presentation.

**107/2014 (a)** Members reported illicit tipping at Caerlwyn Farm, Abertridwr.

**114/2014 POLICE MATTERS**

Inspector Gareth Jones and P.C.S.O. Ian Williams of Gwent Police attended the meeting and reported on the following matters:

- (a) Inspector Gareth Jones updated Members on the new working arrangement for Gwent Police.
- (b) Drug crime is a problem in the Aber Valley – a number of warrants have been issued.
- (c) Inspector Gareth Jones conveyed thanks for the intelligence received from the community.
- (d) P.C.S.O. Ian Williams has visited the residents at Caerlwyn Farm, Abertridwr. Illicit tipping is being monitored – P.C.S.O. Ian Williams to arrange for signage to be put in place.
- (e) Ticket figures for August 2015: 21+ for the Caerphilly area. Most offences in the Aber Valley were at High Street and Brook Street, Abertridwr.

Members reported on the following Police matters:

- (i) The ice-cream van and minibus continuing to be parked on the double yellow lines and junction at the bottom of Bryngelli Terrace hill – the Police to contact the owner.
- (ii) Members discussed options to prevent illicit tipping at Caerlwyn Farm / Top Rock area – barriers or rocks were suggested.

**115/2014**      **MEMBERS/PUBLIC MATTERS**

Public matters:

Two members of the public attended the meeting to discuss the following issue at the rear of High Street, Abertridwr (the lane leading to Cwm Cefl Quarry):

The quarry is being used to burn rubbish collected by scrap vehicles - creating toxic waste. The Fire Brigade has difficulty attending the location due to access issues.

The Police have received an e-mail from the Fire Brigade and are dealing with the situation. Environmental Health has visited the location and is making enquiries.

Members matters:

- (a) Councillor L. Binding updated members on the speeding initiative for the Aber Valley – the purchase of a speed gun for specifically trained members of the community to use in Abertridwr and Senghenydd to prevent vehicles speeding in the Aber Valley.
- (b) Volume and speed of traffic – speed lines located in King Street, Abertridwr and High Street, Abertridwr.
- (c) Street sign missing from Parc Terrace, Senghenydd – the Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- (d) Illicit tipping in the following areas:  
Rear of High Street, Abertridwr  
Rear of Ilan Road, Abertridwr  
Rear of Thomas Street, Abertridwr  
The Clerk to report to Caerphilly County Borough Council
- (e) Councillor John Roberts provided an update in respect of the proposed war memorial garden in Abertridwr.

**116/2014**      **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

- (a) Councillor Lyndon Binding to represent the Community Council at the Universal Colliery Memorial Service on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

**117/2014**      **CLERKS REPORT**

**(1)      SECTION 'A' ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Members noted the following matters:-

- (a) Aber Valley Community Council – Budget.

- (b) Telephone Account – Community Council Office.
- (c) Precept.
- (d) Festive Lighting Funding.
- (e) Proposed Caerphilly Basin Highway Improvements.
- (f) Your Bus Matters.

**(2) SECTION 'B' ITEMS FOR DECISION**

(a) Spring Flowers at Senghenydd Cenotaph

Members agreed for Councillor E. P. Prendergast to organise the planting of the daffodil bulbs to be placed around the Cenotaph in Senghenydd and agreed that any subsequent costs be reimbursed.

(b) Digital Systems UK

Invoice received from Digital Systems for photocopying charges – £8.08 (including VAT). Members authorised the payment.

(c) Licence – Abertridwr Library

Invoice received from Caerphilly County Borough Council for room rental at Abertridwr Library – £260.00. Members authorised the payment.

(d) Town & Community Council Joint Liaison Committee

Invoice received from the Clerk of the Town and Community Council Joint Liaison Committee for Administration Charges – £100.00. Members authorised the payment.

(e) Christmas Lighting 2015/16

Members agreed for the Clerk to obtain a quotation from Elsbury Access Platforms for the installation, recovery and storage of the festive lighting for 2015/16.

(f) Applications for Financial Assistance

Members considered applications received and resolved as follows:

*Councillor M. Stretch declared an interest in the following application and took no part in the discussion.*  
Senghenydd Sirens WRFC - £150.00

Senghenydd RFC - £150.00  
Aber Valley Wolves (Seniors) - £150.00

*Councillor G. Bowen declared an interest in the following application and took no part in the discussion.*  
The Centre Senghenydd – the Clerk to arrange a special meeting to discuss the potential of a sustainable solution/project.

(g) Universal Colliery Memorial Service

It was agreed that the Community Council would purchase flowers for the Universal Colliery Memorial Service on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

(h) Annual Audit for the Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015

Invoice received from Mazars (the Community Council's external auditors) for the annual audit review 2014/15 – £354.00 (including VAT). Members authorised the payment.

(i) Christmas Tree Festival 2015

An e-mail has been received from Fr Gareth regarding hosting a Christmas Tree Festival for 2015 – the Clerk to arrange a meeting between interested parties to form a working group.

(j) 76 High Street, Abertridwr – Peter Prendergast Memorial Plaque

New owners at 76 High Street, Abertridwr – the clerk to make enquiries regarding an owner's consent form allowing pre-arranged access to the plaque for maintenance as required.

(k) Insurance Renewal 2015/16

It was agreed that the Community Council would renew the insurance policy with Zurich Municipal.

(l) Aber Valley Community Council Presentation Evening

Members agreed the arrangements for the presentation evening and agreed that any subsequent costs be reimbursed.

**3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Objections were raised on behalf of Aber Valley Community Council regarding the following planning application:

**Case Ref. 15/0442/OUT Site Area: 33686m<sup>2</sup>**

**Location: Land At Abertridwr Road, Penyrheol, Caerphilly**

**Proposal:** Erect residential development comprising approximately 18-20 houses and 8 flats

**118/2014 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2015** at Senghenydd Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chairperson**  
**Aber Valley Community Council**